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SUBJ: ARMY RIF'S OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES

SUMMARY: ANNOUNCEMENT OF RIF'S OF ARMY LOCAL EMPLOYEES HAS BEEN
PREDICTABLY DENOUNCED BY ZENGUNRO AND STRIKE THREATENED.

END SUMMARY

1. THE ANNOUNCEMENT JAN 2*OF THE SEP RATION OF 13 7/ ARMY LOCAL
EMPLOYEES, MOS*LY FROM TH* MACHINAT SERVICE ARE*, HAS H D A

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SLIGHTLY DELAYED REACTION IN OKINAWA AS THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS HAVE
BEEN OFF OVER THE NEW YEARS PERIOD. ON JAN 3, HOWEVER, TELEVISION
CARRIED THE NEWS ALONG WITH ZENGUNRO'S DENUNCIATION OF THE SEPARA-
TIONS. THE UNION IN A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTERNOON JAN 3 ALSO AN-
NOUNCED THAT IT WOULD CONVENE EARLY IN JANUARY AN EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING OF THE UNION TO DECIDE ON STRIKE PLANS. ZENGUNRO
COMPLAINED SPECIFICALLY THAT THE RIF'S WERE THE LARGEST SINCE
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REVERSION AND AN ATTEMPT TO CUT COSTS AT THE SACRIFICE OF THE

WORKERS.

2. COMMENT: UNION LEADERS HAVE TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT THEY HAVE BEEN EXPECTING LAYOFFS IN VIEW OF THE DECLINING WORKLOAD FOR ARMY LOGISTICS HERE. MANY OF THE WORKERS ARE YOUNG OR SKILLED, THE TYPE NOW IN DEMAND IN THIS PRESENT LABOR SHORT, BOOM OKINAWAN ECONOMY. THE SEPARATION BENEFITS ARE GENEROUS ALSO. ON THE OTHER HAND, THIS RIF INCLUDES SOME OF THE MOST MILITANT OF THE ARMY EMPLOYEES. THE UNION ALSO AS IT FACES SUCH A HEAVY CUT IN ITS MEMBERSHIP WILL PROBABLY BE IMPELLED TO PUT UP AS STRONG A FRONT AS IT CAN. THE PROSPECTS ARE PROBABLY THUS FOR SOME SIGNIFICANT SHORT TERM TROUBLE WITH ZENGUNRO.

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